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SUBJECT: PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM OKSENBERG

PLEASE PASS ONLY TO AMBASSADOR WOODCOCK AND TO CODEL MEMBER
JAN KALICKI

1. I BELIEVE BOTH CPIFA AND CONFIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS
ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE.
HOWEVER, I DO HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEW SMALL RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. ON THE CPIFA TALKING POINTS PAGE 7, PARAGRAPH 2, LINE
2: DELETE "COOPERATION MORE THAN CONFRONTATION". INSERT
"INVOLVEMENT MORE THAN ISOLATION". THERE IS A BACKGROUND
TO THIS SUGGESTION WHICH I WILL SHARE WITH YOU UPON YOUR
RETURN.

3. PAGE 8, LAST PARAGRAPH, DELETE "SHOULD BE" AND INSERT
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"IS". IN THE NEXT LINE INSERT "CURRENTLY" BETWEEN "ARE AND
"IN".

4. PAGE 9, SECOND PARAGRAPH, DELETE THE FIRST SENTENCE AND
INSERT "AS FOR ME, I ENDORSE THIS KEY PASSAGE OF THE COM-
MUNIQUE".

5. PAGE 10, SECOND PARAGRAPH: DELETE THE FIRST TWO SENTENCES AND BEGIN THE PARAGRAPH WITH "IT WOULD BE NAIVE. ." THE LEAD IS AMBIGUOUS AND COULD CREATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

6. PAGE 13, FIRST PARAGRAPH: DELETE "SHOULD NOT DEPEND" AND INSERT "MUST DEPEND NOT ONLY." IN THE NEXT LINE, DELETE "ALONE." IN THE NEXT LINE, INSERT "ALL" BETWEEN "OF" AND "THOSE."

7. PAGE 18, SECOND PARAGRAPH, DELETE "BASIC HISTORICAL TREND IN OUR FAVOR" AND INSERT "BASICALLY FAVORABLE HISTORICAL TREND." IN THE NEXT SENTENCE, DELETE "IN OUR FAVOR" AND INSERT "FAVORABLE." I SUGGEST THAT WE LEAVE AMBIGUOUS PRECISELY IN WHOSE FAVOR THE TREND IS.

8. PAGE 21, FIRST LINE: DELETE "FROM OUTER SPACE." THE CHINESE WILL BE PUZZLED BY YOUR REFERENCE AND IT WILL DISRUPT THE FLOW. IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH, DELETE THE SECOND SENTENCE AND INSERT INSTEAD "THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE ADVERSARIES OUT OF THE PEOPLES ON THEIR BORDERS; WE LIVE IN PEACE AND HARMONY WITH OUR NEIGHBORS." THE CURRENT SENTENCE SUGGESTS PERHAPS THAT THE PROBLEMS ON THE SOVIET BORDERS ARE NOT OF THEIR OWN MAKING.

9. PAGE 22, SECOND PARAGRAPH, DELETE "THERE ARE OTHERS WHO POINT TO THE" AND INSERT "IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE." CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THE SAME PARAGRAPH DELETE "THEY SAY THAT." THE CURRENT PHRASING BEGS FOR A RETORT FROM YOUR CHINESE INTERLOCUTOR AND UNNECESSARILY SPEAKS INVIDIOUSLY OF THE CHINESE VIEW.

10. PAGE 22, THIRD PARAGRAPH, DELETE "ONCE AGAIN THEY MISSED THE POINT" INSERT "BUT THESE FACTS ARE BESIDES THE POINT."

11. PAGE 33, SECOND PARAGRAPH, ADD THIS SENTENCE: "OUR RESPECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DIFFERENT, BUT WE WILL BEST BE ABLE TO MAKE OUR SEPARATE CONTRIBUTIONS IF WE WORK IN COMMON."

12. MY RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: PAGE 2, SECOND PARAGRAPH, FIFTH LINE: REFER ALSO TO THE EDITORIAL ON THE CHINESE VIEW OF THREE WORLDS.

13. PAGE 6, 4TH PARAGRAPH DELETE "BUT I HAPPEN TO AGREE WITH... WERE NOT, I BELIEVE THAT." THIS PARTICULAR VIEW OF THE GREAT GENTLEMAN IS PROBABLY NOT HELD BY YOUR MAIN INTERLOCUTORS.

14. PAGE 7, LINE 2 DELETE "FROM OUTER SPACE."

15. PAGE 9, SECOND PARAGRAPH INSERT THESE TWO SENTENCES AFTER THE FIRST SENTENCE: "IT DEPENDS ON THE VIEW BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE OF THEIR GOVERNMENT. ARE THEY JUSTLY RULED OR UNFAIRLY RULED? THIS IS ONE REASON I PERSONALLY HAVE DEVOTED SO MUCH ATTENTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE, FOR OUR NATION CAN BE NO STRONGER THAN THE WILLINGNESS OF OUR PEOPLE TO SUPPORT OUR GOVERNMENT."

16. PAGE 10, SECOND PARAGRAPH, INSERT: "TOWARDS THE SOVIETS" BETWEEN "POLICY" AND "OF."

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17. PAGE 12, THIRD PARAGRAPH ADD THIS SENTENCE FOR CLARITY: "NOT ONLY MUST WE DISCUSS IMMEDIATE STRATEGIC MATTERS BUT WE SHOULD CONSULT ON ISSUES THAT WILL AFFECT THE STRATEGIC BALANCE OVER THE LONG RUN."

18. HOPE YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME AND LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN. VANCE

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